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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: DISAPPEARANCE OF CARLOS HUGO CAPITMAN (409/78/6)

H PASS: HONORABLE JOHN H. CHAFFEE
UNITED STATES SENATE WASHDC.

1. DEAR SENATOR CHAFFEE:
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS INFORMED ME OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CASE OF CARLOS HUGO CAPITMAN ON BEHALF OF YOUR CONSTITUENT, E
I WE HAVE SPOKEN TO MR. CAPITMAN'S FATHER, WHO STATES THAT HIS SON WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 28, 1976. THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE FAMILY ON APRIL 30, 1976, THAT CARLOS HUGO WAS BEING DETAINED AND CHARGED UNDER STATE OF SEIGE PROVISIONS. SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND SPEAK TO THE SON PROVED UNAVAILING. HOWEVER, THEN THE AUTHORITIES TOLD THE FAMILY THAT THE SON HAD BEEN FREED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, AT A POLICE STATION DISTANT FROM HIS PLACE OF ARREST. THE RECORDS OF THE POLICE STATION WERE DESTROYED IN A BOMB ATTACK AFTER THE ALLEGED RELEASE OF THE BOY, SO THERE IS NO WAY TO VERIFY THIS CLAIM. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO DROPPED ALL CHARGES AGAINST THE SON.

2. THE FATHER IS VERY DUBIOUS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM THAT HIS SON WAS RELEASED. HE IS CONVINCED THAT HIS SON DIED WHILE IN CUSTODY, THOUGH HE WAS NO PROOF OF THIS. HE TOLD US THAT HIS CURRENT EFFORTS ARE DEVOTED TO LEARNING EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS SON AND TO RECOVERING HIS BODY.

3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
CASTRO

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